Investments made by Japan

3398. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

STs besides a National Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes Development Authority at the national and State level; earmarking plan funds in proportion to the population of SCs in the Special Component Plan for SCs and Tribal Sub-Plan for STs; statutory provision for reservation etc.

The proposals of the Dalit Manifesto are under consideration of the Government. A special meeting of Welfare Ministers of States/UTs is being convened on October 16-17 to discuss the entire amount of issues relating to the Dalit Manifesto.

(a) the details of industries in the country wherein investment have been made by Japan during each of the pre ceding three years;

(b) whether Japan has also set-up some joint ventures during the above period;

(c) if so, the details of' such joint ventures set-up in India during the above period;

(d) the amount of the capital invested" by Japan in these joint ventures separately;

(e) whether Japan proposes to make investments in some more joint ventures in India during the current financial year also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) proposals of foreign direct investment approved during each of the last three years with Japanese firms are as under:—

Year	FDI Proposals approved	Amount of FDI (Rs. in crores)
1993	26	257.43
1994	45	400.90
1995	40	1514.26

details of such proposals viz, name of the Indian company, name and country of foreign collaborator, equity investment involved, item of manufacture/activity are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to the Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

(e) and (f) The approvals to joint venture proposals are accorded on receipt of application from the entrepreneurs. Each proposal is considered on its merits and as per prescribed guidelines in this regard.

Deep Sea Fishing in Visakhapatnam

3399. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any programme for officers of the MPEDA to meet and discuss with the deep sea fishing fleet in Visakhapatnam on their various problems;

(b) whether it is a fact the MPEDA is paying less than due attention to the deep sea marine fishery sector in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the reasons for this neglect;

(d) whether over emphasis has been given to aquaculture export; and

(e) the steps proposed to balance out the activities of MPEDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) MPEDA have a Regional Office located at Visakhapatnam which also looks into the problems of deep sea fishing fleet in Visakhapatnam.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The strategy adopted by the Government to enhance the export base of marine products in India comprises of various elements including that of increasing production by development of capture as well as culture fisheries.